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Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr issued the following statement in response to Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers signing Senate Bill 520, now 2021 Wisconsin Act 252, which facilitates the closure of Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School, the state’s Type 1 secure juvenile correctional facility, by authorizing up to \$41.7 million in bonding for the purpose of constructing a new Type 1 facility in Milwaukee County.

“I’m pleased to see this process moving forward and want to express my gratitude to Governor Evers for his leadership in the effort.

“The youth in our care should be closer to their homes and families. Everyone agreed on that when Act 185 was passed in 2018. Politics and legislative inaction delayed progress in ensuing years, but this is an important step forward.

“This legislation provides funding. Many other steps remain. Our agency, along with the Department of Administration and our community partners, will keep moving quickly to evaluate potential sites and identify a viable, acceptable option.”